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Financial Aid and Scholarships Office

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Cal Grant AB 840 Email

Urgent! Cal Grant Award Contingent Upon AB 840 Verification

As part of Assembly Bill 840 (AB 840), schools are required to verify that 10 percent of all Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant recipients were California residents when they graduated from high school. The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has selected you for verification. This process is separate from the residency evaluation conducted by the UC Berkeley Residency Office for fee purposes, and the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office does not have access to any documents that you may have submitted to other offices.

You are required to have established California residency at least one year before your high school graduation to receive a Transfer Entitlement Cal Grant. Please provide the items listed below so that we may verify your eligibility:

1. **Copy of your official high school transcript or its equivalent** (California General Educational Development [GED] test, High School Equivalency [HiSET] test, Test Assessing Secondary Completion [TASC] or the California High School Proficiency Examination [CHSPE]).

   AND

2. **Proof of your parent's California residency one year before your high school graduation.**
   As most students were minors at the time of high school graduation, you are required to submit proof of your parent's or guardian's California residency for the **year before** your high school graduation. For example, if you graduated June 2014, submit a copy of your parent's signed 2012 California 540 tax return, or utility bills, bank statements, or other documents that predate June 2013 and show a California permanent address.

   OR

   Military orders for a parent in the military who was stationed outside of California when you graduated from high school.
   If you did not graduate from a California high school because your parent was in the military and was stationed outside of California, provide documentation of the military orders and effective dates. You are still required to provide proof of your parent's permanent California residency. For example, if you graduated in June 2014, submit a copy of your parent's signed 2012 California 540 tax return, or utility bills, bank statements, or other documents that predate June 2013 and show a California permanent address.

Your Cal Grant award will remain on hold and will not be disbursed until the AB 840 verification process is complete.

Upload your documents to us as soon as possible or mail to the address below with this cover page and please have your name and student ID written at the top of each page.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: studentcentral.berkeley.edu/open-case.

Sincerely,

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Please note: UC Berkeley reserves the right to adjust awards to correct any awarding errors. Changes to qualifying information or revisions of federal, state, or institutional policy may result in updates to aid eligibility and adjustments of financial aid awards. Information is subject to change.